

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Michael A. Epstein  
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows

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Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_. Enclosed is a copy of this sheet.

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